



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### COMMITTEE ON TAX POLICY

REP. MATT HALL

CHAIR

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022                      10:30 AM                      Room 519, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by Chair Hall.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Hall, Tisdel, Calley, Farrington, Steven Johnson, Meerman, O'Malley, Beeler, Outman, Yancey, Ellison, Brixie, Kuppa, Neeley, Cavanagh.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Tisdel moved to adopt the meeting minutes from January 26, 2022. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 720, SB 721 and SB 722 before the committee:

SB 720     (Sen. Runestad)

A bill to amend 1993 PA 327, entitled "Tobacco products tax act," by amending sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 6, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 7, 7b, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13 (MCL 205.422, 205.423, 205.424, 205.425, 205.425a, 205.426, 205.426a, 205.426b, 205.426c, 205.426d, 205.427, 205.427b, 205.428, 205.429, 205.431, 205.432, and 205.433), sections 2 and 11 as amended by 2020 PA 326, sections 3, 5, and 6 as amended and section 6b as added by 1997 PA 187, sections 5a and 6a as amended by 2012 PA 188, section 6c as added by 2002 PA 503, section 6d as added by 2003 PA 285, section 7 as amended by 2021 PA 102, section 7b as added by 2002 PA 607, section 8 as amended by 2008 PA 458, section 9 as amended by 2004 PA 474, section 12 as amended by 2018 PA 639, and section 13 as amended by 1995 PA 131, and by adding sections 3a and 6f.

- SB 721 (Sen. Runestad) A bill to amend 1987 PA 264, entitled "Health and safety fund act," by amending section 3 (MCL 141.473), as amended by 1998 PA 529.
- SB 722 (Sen. Runestad) A bill to amend 1999 PA 244, entitled "An act to require tobacco product manufacturers to place funds in escrow for medical expenses incurred by the state due to tobacco related illnesses; to establish a formula for determining the amount of the escrow; to establish the conditions for release of funds from escrow; to prescribe powers and duties of the attorney general; and to provide for civil penalties for violation of this act," by amending sections 1 and 2 (MCL 445.2051 and 445.2052), as amended by 2016 PA 42.

Matas Blekys, representing Senator Runestad's Office, and Paul Connors, Sal Gaglio, and Jack Panitch, all representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in support of SB 720, SB 721 and SB 722. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 720, SB 721 and SB 722, but did not wish to speak:

- Alex Morris, representing the Michigan Bankers Association.
- Matt Breslin, representing the Cigar Association of America.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 11:16 AM.

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Representative Matt Hall, Chair

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